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Facilitation and Development
Expert Meeting on Capacity Building in the Area of
Electronic Commerce: Legal and Regulatory Dimensions
Geneva, 14 July 1999
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Electronic commerce: Legal and regulatory dimensions

4. Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1 - Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. The Expert Meeting will have three days, from 14 to 16 July 1999, to complete its work. The provisional schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

Item 3 - Electronic commerce: Legal and regulatory dimensions

3. The Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, at its third session, agreed to convene an expert meeting on capacity building in the area of electronic commerce: legal and regulatory dimensions.[1]

4. As envisaged by the Commission, the substantive item for the Expert Meeting will address recent developments in legal dimensions of electronic commerce at the international level, including their potential impact on developing countries, as well as policies which need to be considered by developing countries and the international community to stimulate participation of small players in global electronic commerce. The document prepared by the secretariat, entitled "Legal dimensions of electronic commerce" (TD/B/COM.3/EM.8/2), is intended to facilitate discussions during the Expert Meeting. It presents an overview of legal and regulatory developments within international organizations, as well as a number of policy issues identified by various bodies. An earlier

[1] See the report of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development on its third session (TD/B/COM.3/20), para. 36.

report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the subject, entitled "Electronic commerce: Legal considerations" (UNCTAD/SDTE/BFB/1), will also be made available to the Group of Experts.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.8/2: Legal dimensions of electronic commerce

UNCTAD/SDTE/BFB/1: Electronic commerce: Legal considerations

Item 4 - Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

5. The Expert Meeting will adopt its recommendations/findings/conclusions at the end of the Meeting. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairman after the conclusion of the Meeting.

Draft schedule of meetings

Wednesday, 14 July 1999	**Thursday, 15 July 1999**	**Friday, 16 July 1999**
(10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Plenary - Opening statement - Item 1: Election of officers - Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of the Meeting Introduction of item 3 - Informals - Item 3: Electronic commerce: Legal and regulatory dimensions	**(10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)** Informals (continued) Item 3: (continued)	**(10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)** Informals (continued) Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting
(3 p.m. - 6 p.m.) Informals (continued) Item 3: (continued)	**(3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)** Informals (continued) Item 3: (continued)	**(3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)** Informals (continued) Consideration of the outcome of the Meeting Plenary (closing) Adoption of the outcome